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FROM MR. JAMES HILL.

Monday Mornng the 11th May 1773

SIR

I reced yr. Letter per Colo. Lewis some few days after his coming to town & agreable to your instruction I have endeavoured to proceed wherein have recd of Doctor James Carter 4th May £10. 16 ds. of the Exrs. of Mr Claibornes £14-of Mr. Francis Foster £33-8. of Mr. Thomas Prosser 32 Dollars by count at 5/9 1/4 £7-5-0 his money Lost 9d when I weighed it I took it in dollars & he had no Scales at his Lodgings tho have given the rect for ye Hole £7-5-9 & as to my own Accts. have made a very Poor collection tho have paid Colo. Lewis upon ye. hole includeg. the Above sums 198-5-1 which imagine he will acquaint you with Mr. William Dandridge was not in Town he sent by a young man who he Expected would make some Small Collection for him Sufficent to discharge that sum but he made none at all

I have reced our goods wherein There is 2 Dousin of Grind Stones & some of them the Largest I ever saw full Large for Mill Stones if they were the right sort Stone I think if it woud not be two great expence I would have ym Sent back there is part of them very Siseable & fit for the purpose they are intended for; please to write to me if there is any Powdor & Shott come in as the Crows destroys & pulls up Near all our corne & I dont care to open all the goods to Serch; ye. Bale of Cotten is partly Damaged tho am in hopes it

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dont run far in I wanted to know What you would have done with it & likewise if we must have the Easten Shore Tobo. sent on board of Capt. Peterson & consigned to Cary & Co. & whether I must Purchase the overseers Tobo. as Tobo. wont Exceed 2d

I have engaged all our corne to some Gent. on the Easten Shore at 12/6 per to be delivered by the last of June payable Octobr. Cot. which hope youl come down to as I was in hopes you would a been down to this as there is Several Matters I wantd to consulted you upon in respect to land in dispute on the Easten Shore & likewise that in New Kent Colo. Pendleton advises me to bring suit in ye County Court for that on the Easten shore & if [it] goes agst. us then to appeale & we shall get it determind much sooner than if I have it first brot in Genl. cot.

Coachman Jammey Lay out at least three months & I took the Overseers & drove a Neck of ours & Started him & a boy of ours who he had taken in Camp With him & was obliged to Catch him with a dog he has not Started since & promised he wont again but there is no dependence in him tho I did not Petition the Genl Court for Liberty to Ship him off for I intend to make a tryal of sendg. him to ye. Easten Shore & [if] that wont do will Petn. in Octobr. with your Conccent they & others had Killd five of Mr. Graves Largest Hogs & he confest Sliping a board of one of our Barns & had taken Corne twice or three times tho I whipd him But very little as I thought useless for he appeared as if he had been in time Past Severely Corrected he told me he was by old Mr. Moody advised him if they would all run away you woud turn me off, & I cant see what its for unless it is because I am enclosing the land that he wont have the same range for his Stock that he Usually had as this fellow Jammey was one of the Ditchers tho he is so great a raschal there is hardly minding any thing he says but by the Negroes Abscondg. as they have, there appears to be something of truth in it tho we have none out now I should abeen Glad to have had a little more time to wrote you few more Particulars that I dont at this time Recollect being in a hurry to go [to] town before the Mercts. brake off as they have put of till last Lewis that he shoud leave Town to day if Possable & desired if I intended to write by him to have it ready as it was

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uncertain what time he should leave Town; that I cant write so fully As I woud Willingly do
—& conclude

Yr. Mo. Hble Servt. JAMES HILL